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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/588,885

**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

Quoc D. Tran

**Art Unit**

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response***

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Christie (EP 1109368).

Consider claim 1, Christie teaches a method for a calling party to reinitiate a call in card number service (col. 9 lines 6-18), comprising: a call controller instructing a calling gateway to detect a preset key combination in a session (col. 9 lines 19-38); when having detected the calling party dialing the key combination, the calling gateway reporting a first event message to the call controller (col. 9 lines 35-42); the call controller responding to the first event message, releasing the current call (col. 11 lines 17-22), sending an indication that the called party has hung up to a Service Control Point(SCP) (*it should be noted that this step is inherent, since it is necessary to tear down the connection when the called party hung up*), prompting and waiting for the calling party to initiate a new call via the calling gateway (see col. 11 lines 14-23).

Consider claim 2, Christie teaches the claimed features (col. 10 lines 3-16).

Consider claims 3-4 and 6-7, Christie teaches the claimed features (see paragraphs 0006, 0031, 0035-0037, 0039-0041).

Consider claim 5 and 8, Christie teaches the claimed features (col. 10 lines 3-16).

Consider claims 9-10, Christie teaches wherein, the call controller is a Service Switch Point (SSP) or a soft switch device (see paragraph 0031).

Consider claims 11-12, Christie teaches wherein, the key combination is any random combination of all the keys (see paragraph 0038).

***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments filed 6/27/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., "*sending the indication that the called party has hung up to the SCP is not associated with the really hanging up of the called party*") are not recited in the rejected claim(s). That is, *nowhere in the claim suggesting that the "sending the indication that the called party has hung up to the SCP" neglects whether the called party has actually hung up*. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Regarding applicant's argument on page 10 that Christie teaching of "the pressing of the pound (#) key" is different than the claimed feature of "pressing the preset key combination" since it reduces errors in reinitiating a new call. Accordingly, the examiner respectfully disagrees with applicant arguments. A pound (#) key used in Christie is a "preset" key that is predetermined by the service provider of the calling card service for the purpose of triggering re-origination (reinitiate) request. Thus, regardless of whether the claimed preset key combination

reduces errors, it is a “preset key” and its main purpose is to trigger the re-origination (reinitiate) of a new call. Therefore, the pound (#) of Christie read on limitation as claimed.

***Conclusion***

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Curtis Kuntz**, can be reached on **(571) 272-7499**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Technology Center 2600** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2600**.

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